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SUBJ: CCA ELECTRONICS EX-PRESIDENT BERNARD WISE VISITS DOHA

REF: A) DOHA 0517; B) DOHA 0483; C) USDOC 4946

1. AS REPORTED REF B, FORMER CCA PRESIDENT BERNARD WISE WAS IN DOHA WEEK OF APRIL 21 WITH TERENCE JOICEY, ALSO AN EX-CCA EMPLOYEE AND NOW MANAGING DIRECTOR OF J&D EUROPA LTD OF ATHENS. ACCORDING LOCAL AGENT OF CCA, PURPOSE OF JOICEY'S VISIT WAS TO SECURE REPRESENTATION IN QATAR FOR US CONSTRUCTION FIRM. HOWEVER, DURING COURSE OF VISIT, AGENT SAID THAT WISE CALLED ON HEAD OF ENGINEERING DEPT AT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION IN EFFORT TO SELL BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURED BY ANOTHER US FIRM (MOI OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT WISE CALLED AND TOLD EMBOFF THAT IF GOQ DECIDES TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, IT WILL DEAL DIRECTLY WITH MANUFACTURER AND NOT THROUGH WISE).

2. ACCORDING CCA AGENT, WISE PLACED A CALL TO WASHINGTON FROM HIS HOTEL FOLLOWING MEETING AT MOI. AGENT SAID THAT FRIEND AT HOTEL HAD PROVIDED HIM WITH GIST OF CONVERSATION AND GAVE US ORAL SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO SUMMARY, WISE TOLD PARTY IN WASHINGTON THAT EMBASSY WAS "BACKING" CCA AND SAID THAT "WAY MUST BE FOUND TO DISCREDIT CCA IN MIDDLE EAST". TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS, WISE INSTRUCTED PARTY TO CALL AT STATE DEPT. AGENT HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING IDENTITY OF PERSON WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOM WISE SPOKE.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN POSITION TO VERIFY ACCOUNT OF PHONE CALL GIVEN IN PARA 2. HOWEVER, SHOULD DEPT OR DOC HAVE VISITOR (PRESUMABLY HE WOULD CONTACT NEA/ARP) WHO WISHES TO DISCUSS CCA ELECTRONICS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARY OF HIS REMARKS.
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